

## Meet the Chairman and His Family

As Supervisor of the County's Fourth District, Don Knabe represents a uniquely



diverse area comprised of nearly two million residents that includes the world's third busiest container port complex (the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach collectively), the third busiest airport in the nation (LAX), and the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Supervisor Knabe currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He was first elected to the Board in November 1996 and subsequently re-elected in 2000 and 2004. Since taking office, Supervisor Knabe has worked diligently to implement his Five Point Plan: Taking Back Our Streets, Streamlining County Government, Jobs, Protecting the Safety Net, and Improving Our Quality of Life.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Supervisor Knabe was appointed by the White House as a member of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee to the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council. He was the only appointee from the State of California.

Supervisor Knabe is a leader in regional transportation serving on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA). He is also the immediate past chairman and member of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA) and is a member of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Aviation Task Force.

Supervisor Knabe has a true passion for the arts and attributes much of his own personal success to an early involvement with music. His enthusiasm for the arts

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## LACMA's Free After Five Program Unveiled

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announces a new free admission program that opens the doors of the museum to all at no charge after 5 p.m. six nights a week. LACMA invites visitors from Los Angeles and around the world to spend their evenings at the museum and visit its world-class collections and non-ticketed exhibitions at no charge.

LACMA's Free After Five program, sponsored by Target, is part of an ongoing strategy to make the museum's exhibitions, permanent collection, and public programs accessible to the widest possible audience. Six years ago, the museum expanded its hours to include evening hours six days a week, providing individuals working weekdays the opportunity to visit the

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## Ford Amphitheatre

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## July

10 – Masanga Marimba Ensemble (BWF) 10 a.m.

10 – Latino Playreading Series

10 – I am Cuba

11 – Los Angeles Jewish Symphony

12 – Alexander String Quartet

14-18 – Outfest 2004 Under the Stars

17 – Latino Playreading Series

## Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90078

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[www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)

July 9 – TV Night: The Sequel with Fireworks – Hollywood Bowl Orchestra

July 10 – Sing-A-Long: Sound of Music

## KCRW's World Festival

July 11 – Global Divas V

July 25 – World Electronica

## Classical Tuesdays

July 13 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Mendelssohn

July 20 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Beethoven

July 27 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Puccini, Massenet

## Jazz at the Bowl

July 14 – A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee

July 21 – Jazz Lowdown

## United's Thursdays

July 15 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Mahler

July 22 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Beethoven, Adams

July 29 – Los Angeles Philharmonic – Wagner, Mendelssohn, Brahms

## Weekend Spectaculars

July 16-18 – A Winter Wonderland – The Joffrey's Nutcracker and Fireworks

July 23-24 – Harry Connick, Jr.: Only You

July 30-31 – An Evening with K.D. Lang

## Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN 2004

Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 10 – Gotta Dance – Feel the Beat

July 24 – Bolero! – The Passion of Spain

# Summer Beach Bus Services

It is time for our kids and family members to gather their beach gear and head to the shore! Public Works is making that trip easier for everyone living in several unincorporated areas. How? It's easy...it's time to RIDE the SUMMER BEACH BUS! Service started in midJune and will run through Labor Day from the following areas to the Santa Monica State Beach:

- Altadena
- Antelope Valley
- Charter Oak
- La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge
- Santa Clarita Valley
- Topanga Canyon



The Topanga Canyon route also serves the Topanga County Beach and the Will Rogers State Beach.

Please call our toll free number (888) 769-1122 or visit [www.ladpw.org](http://www.ladpw.org) for more information on individual routes, schedules, and fares.

The Altadena, Antelope Valley, and Charter Oak services are financed by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge service is financed by Supervisor Antonovich and the City of La Canada Flintridge. The Santa Clarita Valley service is financed by Supervisor Antonovich and the City of Santa Clarita. The Topanga Canyon service is financed by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

## County DIGEST



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## Supervisor Burke Observes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) presented a plaque declaring the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Brown vs. Board of Education Week in the County of Los Angeles, in observation of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision. The Court unanimously declared that “in the field of public education, the doctrine of ‘separate but equal’ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.” Supervisor Burke noted that while the decision “was a giant step towards complete desegregation of public schools, presently, this goal has still not been achieved. In some areas, on the contrary, the schools have become de facto more segregated than ever because of social, political, economic and other factors.

Nevertheless,” she continued, “the principle of desegregation of public schools remains a goal that is probably more important now than ever before in our more diverse society.” Supervisor Burke made the presentation to (left to right): Willis Edwards, member of the National NAACP Board of Directors; Ron Hassan, President of the Beverly Hills-Hollywood NAACP; and (extreme right) Jackie Hawthorne, of the NAACP Voter Registration Project.

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has resulted in the creation of several innovative youth programs and his own arts program which provides grants to schools and community based organizations throughout the Fourth District.

A community leader for more than 30 years, Supervisor Knabe is noted for the strength of his grassroots support and considerable experience in local government which have made him a highly regarded voice, not only at home in the Fourth District, but also in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. He was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1980 and served as a councilman for eight years, including two terms as mayor. He was a leader in the development and implementation of Cerritos’ General Plan during a time of unprecedented economic growth.

As Chief of Staff to former Fourth District Supervisor Deane Dana, Supervisor Knabe gained invaluable insight into crucial federal, State and local issues and the needs of the Fourth District’s two million constituents.

Before joining the United States Navy, Supervisor Knabe earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Supervisor Knabe is not the only one active in the community, his wife, Julie, is also. Mrs. Knabe was recently bestowed

the prestigious Marianna Gott Humanitarian Award, named to honor the memory of the beloved Hamilton High teacher who quietly bequeathed a generous legacy to empower youth enrolled in the 1736 Family Crisis Center’s programs.

She is active in the Woman’s Club of Artesia-Cerritos as a former board member and officer, and she has received their Woman of the Year award. She sits on the board of directors of the Friends of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and served previously as an Executive Committee member and Gala Chair. She recently served on the Long Beach Care Center’s Major Gifts Committee.

Cerritos is also the home base for Mrs. Knabe’s J.D. Knabe & Associates, a customer research and relations firm. She is an active member of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce, where she has been President twice and the recipient of the group’s President’s Award, Business Person of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. During Pete Wilson’s administration, Mrs. Knabe served on his Economic Development Committee as a representative of small business.

Don and Julie have been married for 36 years and are active members of New Life Community Church, in the City of Artesia. Their sons, Curt and Matt, are both graduates of Pepperdine University and were born and raised within the Fourth District. Curt and his wife, Svea, were wed in 1998. Don and Julie are also the proud grandparents of Kaitlyn Christy Knabe and Christy Ryann Knabe.

## Employees of the Month



### Public Library's Linda Larsen

Linda Larsen, a 15-year employee of the County of Los Angeles, currently works as a Librarian IV with the Public Library. She is responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower.

She became the County Library's first Youth Services Program Coordinator, a position that allowed her to creatively develop program resources for use in all County libraries. As the Youth Services Coordinator, Linda managed the "Begin at the Beginning with Books" program, a bilingual service that provides parents with skills to share a love of reading with their children. This program was awarded a John Cotton Dana Award.

In a stellar achievement, Larsen tirelessly led the refurbishment project of the Brakensiek Library. With the multitude of tasks necessary for the success of the renovation, Linda was an example of calm efficiency. Packing and organizing shifts ran very smoothly, leading to an early completion of the project.

One of her most creative and productive collaborative efforts has been the establishment of a "Books on Wheels" program to deliver books and other materials to shut-ins who cannot otherwise visit the library. This program has been a model for other libraries and will expand to include other sites, as well. "The most fulfilling aspects of my job are the ones that allow me to work directly with the public. Planning and presenting programs that celebrate the diversity in our community is exciting and rewarding," said Larsen.

Through her leadership and enthusiasm, the library hosts several services such as literacy tutoring, a homework center, and multicultural programs for children and adults. Ms. Larsen has developed strong and fruitful working relationships with community organizations and institutions, as well as with community leaders and officials, schools and the Head Start Program. As a result of her relentless outreach efforts, the Bellflower Library has received many contributions in the way of active volunteerism, and financial support.

Linda has received many awards, special recognitions, and commendations by playing an active role in the community. She has made the library more visible through participation in community activities such as appearing on cable programs, as well as writing articles about library programs for the "The Brakensiek Bulletin," a newsletter she publishes.

Larsen received her Bachelor's degree in Home Economics from

California State University, Northridge and a Master's degree in Library Science from UCLA. Her husband Jerry is a Senior Methodist Minister. They have three adult children and five grandchildren that she says "keeps us smiling and active."

We applaud Linda Larsen for such dedication to literacy and promoting a lifetime love of books.

### May



### Military and Veterans Affairs' Frances Govens

Frances Govens has been employed with the County of Los Angeles for four and one-half years and is currently a Veterans Claims Assistant II with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Her responsibilities include assisting veterans, their dependents and survivors in pursuing legal claims and benefits.

Ms. Govens is a highly regarded employee throughout the veterans' community. As a result of her advocacy, thoroughness and tenacity in helping veterans to obtain their benefits, word quickly spread throughout the veterans' community that she is the one to see if you need help. Her caseload became so heavy that the Veterans Center had to schedule her clients "By Appointment Only."

By testament of the Veterans Center Director, "her most valuable contribution to the Center operations is her ability to interact with others. Ms. Govens is able to meet, greet and put people at ease with minimum effort." Having been responsible for the development and implementation of several procedures, she was able to effectively manage the heavy volume of veterans visiting the office for benefits assistance. Through her resourcefulness, knowledge, and dedication, the Department's productivity increased over 12 percent monthly. "The most gratifying part of my job is when the veterans receive monetary benefits from the Los Angeles Regional Office, which they have earned and deserve," said Govens.

When asked about unique characteristics that she brings to the workplace, Govens replied "my knowledge along with my caring nature, lots of energy and the compassion that I have for my job and the veterans. If it wasn't for the veterans and their families, I would not have this wonderful job." In light of her many attributes and demonstrated compassion for veterans and their families, the Director of the Los Angeles Veterans Resource Center requested her services on a full time basis.



## Hollywood Bowl Shell Dedication

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (*center*) cuts the ribbon dedicating the brand new Hollywood Bowl shell, which makes its debut for the Los Angeles Philharmonic's 2004 summer season. The new larger shell replaces the previous 75-year-old structure with a stylish Streamline Moderne elliptical design that evokes the classic look of its 1920s predecessor, while featuring state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting elements for a thoroughly modern concert experience.



Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky, *from the left*, are Tim Gallagher, Director, Parks and Recreation; Tom Remillard, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works; Deborah Borda, President, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association; Esa-Pekka Salonen, Music Director, Los Angeles Philharmonic; Supervisor Gloria Molina; Supervisor Don Knabe; David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer; City Councilmember Tom La Bonge; an unidentified aide; and Craig Hodgetts, design architect and principal for Hodgetts + Fung. *Photo Credit: Mathew Imaging.*

## 2004 Chess Championship Winners

Sponsored by the California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE), the following are the winners:

### Open Section

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Antonio Martin, Public Social Services

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Paul Jones, Assessor

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Rudy Dela Cruz, Public Social Services

### Novice Section

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Alphonso Boyd, Public Social Services

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Nelson Manabat, Public Works

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Zhenya Markosyan, Public Works

### Chess Coordinators

Norman Cortez

Paul Jones

## JUNE RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Villafior D. Nunga  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:** Gladys Turner

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Mary F. Lee  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Andrew Hicks, Belle J. Segal, Maxine J. Williams  
**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Conway Reed

**FIRE:** Richard B. Balogh, Juan G. Cueva  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Lanora Anderson, Shirley M. Ballard, Eva M. Benn, Yvonne Booth, Colleen L. Brayack, Natasha Bryson, Elevin Ford, Floyd Guess, Leroy Hill, Sylvester Jones Jr., Ruth McClendon, Frances E. Rodriguez, Earl R. Saunders, Ethel L. Saunders, Julie Strzelec, Jimmy W. Wolf

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Ronald P. Greene  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Joe A. Mackey, Ermilinda Viray

**PROBATION:** Earthia A. Curry  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Clara Cristobal, Christina E. Curry, Arturo Holguin, Karen Y. Tate, Patricia R. Verdugo, Emma J. Wilson

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** Michael J. Blecher  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Gerald S. Levine, Prenilla Lewis, Alfred D. Schonbach

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Stephen Yung

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Gertrude D. Banks-Taylor, Julie G. Bizet, Robert E. Cook, Beatrice R. Echols, Belinda Fruto, Marguerita Garcia, Robert Rivera, Maria A. Salcido, Thelma A. Ybuan

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Martha Wade-Purring

**PROBATION:** Ronald Barragan

**PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Patricia A. Cowman

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Maria L. Hernandez, Mary E. Hill, Bernice Newton

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Deidre M. Bagby

**SHERIFF:** Asuncion F. Cadiente

**SUPERIOR COURT:** Diana R. Sherman

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## A Salute to Our Men and Women in Uniform



*Press Deputies Roxane Marquez (First District) and John Musella (Fourth District) join Operation Gratitude's Carolyn Blashek and representatives from the U.S. Marines, Navy and Air Force.*



*Beverly Yates, Quality and Productivity Network Manager from the Department of Children and Family Services and Vicki Pierce, Network Manager alternate from the Department of Mental Health staff the Quality and Productivity Commission booth.*

Every first full week in May, the County of Los Angeles joins the nation in celebrating "Public Service Recognition Week."

This year, from May 3 through 9, the County recognized and honored the excellent service and commitment of public employees for their outstanding contributions that enrich and enhance the quality of life of our constituents and the community at large with a special emphasis placed on County employees who are currently serving in the Armed Forces for their heroic sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

"Treats for the Troops," this year's theme, was a month long celebration wherein County of Los Angeles employees were encouraged to donate items – goodies from home – to be sent as a welcome surprise for someone in uniform living in hazardous and austere conditions.

And as a County family, we support our troops.

On May 4 at the Civic Center Mall, representatives from all branches of the Armed Forces along with Operation Gratitude, the Department of Human Resources, Military and Veterans Affairs Department, the Quality and Productivity Commission and the Chief Administrative Office's Office of Workplace Programs were present to kick-off the "Treats for the Troops" campaign.

The campaign, composed of posters/flyers, postcards and bumper stickers, was readily available for pick up on that day and were also distributed to all managers of the Quality and Productivity Network for distribution to all County employees if they chose to participate. The result...a resounding success!

Once again, County employees proved true to their mission as County Ambassadors and that is "To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service."

If you would like to participate, please contact your departmental Quality and Productivity Network Manager.



*Gladys Turner and Mary Savinar from the Office of Workplace Programs (CAO) are joined by Public Affairs Assistant Director Victoria B. Pipkin, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Director Col. Joseph N. Smith, Department of Human Resources Chief Deputy Director Susan T. Stern and Director of Personnel Michael J. Henry.*



*Supporting our Air Force representative are Operation Gratitude's Carolyn Blashek, Quality and Productivity Commission Executive Director Ruth A. Wong and Press Deputy John Musella (Fourth District).*



*Staff from the Department of Human Resources are flanked by representatives from the U.S. Marines, Navy and Air Force; Operation Gratitude's Carolyn Blashek; Board Deputy Ta'Shara Murray (Second District); and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Director Col. Joseph N. Smith.*



## County of Los Angeles VISION

Our ***purpose*** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our ***philosophy*** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our ***shared values***:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other with kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our ***position*** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation
- a pledge to always work to earn the public trust



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## County Ombudsman Reaches Milestone

In December 1991, the Board of Supervisors appointed retired jurist James G. Kolts to conduct a review of the “policies, practices and procedures of the Sheriff’s Department including recruitment, training, job performance and evaluation, record keeping and management practices, as they relate to the allegations of excessive force, the community sensitivity of deputies and the department’s citizen complaint procedure.” A report completed by what became known as the Kolts Commission includes a comprehensive assessment of the department and a series of recommendations on a variety of issues.

One of the more sweeping recommendations was one calling for the creation of an office to review complaints made by community members against the Sheriff’s Department. In 1994, the Office of the Ombudsman was created. It was charged with reviewing all available information related to a complaint, determining whether a thorough and objective investigation was conducted and then to “determine that the investigation was sufficient and that the findings were appropriate” or return it to the Sheriff’s Department when the findings were deficient. The Office of Ombudsman was created as an independent County department to ensure the objectivity and neutrality of the complaint process.

The Department of Ombudsman was one of the County’s first Ombuds programs. Since its inception, it has served as a model for other County Ombudsman programs and for the City of Los Angeles’ first Inspector General and to Ombuds programs as far away as Guam. We have provided intake forms, brochures in numerous languages and recommendations on how to implement a successful program.

The first Ombudsman appointed to this role was Rudy De Leon. Rudy had a very strong background in law enforcement and management. He was a retired Captain of the Los Angeles Police Department and a long-time key member of the Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights community. He was instrumental in securing a location and funding for the Hollenbeck Youth Center, a recreational arena for local youngsters. One of those youngsters, Paul Gonzales, went on to become an Olympic Gold Medal champion. Rudy also had the good fortune to serve California Attorney General John Van de Kamp. He served as the Ombudsman for eight years and saw the staff grow from a single person operation to its current strength of 10. Along the way, the number of cases and responsibilities also grew.

The office has several staff members who have served nearly as long as the office has been in operation. Mary Calhoun,



our executive secretary, remembers the early years when she and Rudy shared a closet of an office. Mario Miranda and Stephanie Maxberry remember the early days in the Assessor’s Office in Lomita.

Since 2002, Robert Taylor, a retired Commander of the Los Angeles Police Department has been the Ombudsman. Today, the Ombudsman receives complaints from members of the community who are concerned about departments other than the Sheriff’s Department. The department still is very much involved in issues with the Sheriff’s Department. The Ombudsman conducts more than five hundred independent investigative reviews a year and refers more than three thousand calls to other agencies from people contacting the department for assistance. The department has become more involved in community outreach programs. For example, along with the Sheriff’s Department and the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Department hosted two seminars on Racial Profiling.

This past year, the department hosted the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference in Los Angeles. This was the largest conference ever conducted on civilian oversight of the police. Recently, with the help of the Quality and Productivity Commission, the department has partnered with the Sheriff’s Department, County Police Chief and the Office of Education to launch a project to build an understanding between youth and the police. The program involves a classroom discussion of the police role in society and a booklet on police practices. The program is currently being field tested in several schools throughout the County. At the real core of the Department of the Ombudsman is a sense of service, trying to provide a service to people who are seeking help and understanding from their government.



## Summer Fun at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits

### Pit 91

Pit 91, the world's only Ice Age paleontological dig located in the middle of a major city, re-opens for the 2004 excavation season, June 26 to September 6, at the world famous La Brea Tar Pits in Hancock Park. Each summer since 1969, the public has had the unique opportunity to observe paleontological fieldwork in progress as hundreds of fossils are recovered from the sticky asphalt sediment in Pit 91. The fossils are then taken to the Page Museum next door, where visitors can watch year-round, as they are prepared in the paleontology laboratory. Entrance to the viewing station is free. Viewing hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### "Behind the Scenes at La Brea"

An engaging new film takes guests on a behind the scenes tour of the Page Museum and its treasures. It answers those really sticky questions, like "is that tar in the tar pits?" and other mind boggling questions like "where are the dinosaurs?" The film provides a closer look at how fossil bones are collected each summer in Pit 91, then cleaned and studied by museum paleontologists and researchers. The 12-minute film runs continually throughout the day in the George Hancock Theater. "Behind the Scenes at La Brea" was produced entirely by the Page Museum staff.

### Tigers, Bears, and Mastodons

Charles R. Knight's work has inspired generations of artists and scientists with his paintings and sculptures of the flora and fauna of the Ice Age. A traveling exhibition, "Charles R. Knight: Bringing Fossils to Life" will be on display at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits June 26 through January 2005. The centerpiece of the exhibition will be a painting of the La Brea Tar Pits by Knight that he used as a study for larger Ice Age murals that are now on display at the American Museum in New York and the Natural History Museum of the County of Los Angeles. Knight studied fossils from Ice Age mammals and even dinosaurs for the first truly modern interpretation of these creatures.

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## Supervisor Antonovich Joins Marchers Seeking Justice for Fallen Deputy

On Saturday, May 8, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich attended "Dave's March for Justice," an event held to voice the community's concern with Mexico's policies on extraditing criminals back to the United States.

On Monday, April 29, 2002, Sheriff's Deputy David March was murdered during a routine traffic stop in Irwindale. Suspected killer Armando Garcia, aka David Garcia and "Chato," had been

deported three times for criminal activity and has a criminal history involving narcotics and weapons violations.

He is also wanted by the Baldwin Park

Police Department in connection with two attempted murders and by the El Monte Police Department for weapons charges.



Garcia is believed to be living in rural Mexico and is one of about 300 people suspected in Los Angeles County murders believed to have fled to Mexico to avoid American justice.

"Mexico has put out the welcome mat for cop killers and other thugs," Antonovich said. "The American government must impose sanctions to persuade the Mexican government to change this unjust policy."

A 1980 extradition treaty with Mexico contains a clause exempting capital punishment cases, and a 2001 Mexican Supreme Court decision prohibits the extradition of Mexican nationals back to the United States unless U.S. prosecutors agree to waive the death penalty, as well as life sentences. Since the ruling, which is being appealed, Mexico has refused to return suspects to the United States unless they are guaranteed a sentence of a fixed number of years.

"We need to slam shut that open-door policy that Mexico has. We need to get tough," Antonovich said. "We are an economic power that provides the oil to the Mexican economy. We need to impose sanctions so they aren't the haven, the sanctuaries for convicted felons."

## Supervisor Antonovich Encourages Continued Vigilance Against County Fraud



To continue efforts in combating County waste and fraud, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announced that the Auditor-Controller added three positions to its Special Investigations Unit (SIU) to handle fraud investigations.

In response to Supervisor Antonovich's March 9 request, three additional positions were transferred from other areas in the Auditor-Controller department to address the increase in the number of calls to the Fraud Hotline.

The Auditor-Controller reviews referrals or calls on the Fraud Hotline and when it is determined that a case has sufficient merit, they deem the case "open" for investigation. The department is projecting 700 open cases for calendar year 2004. During 2003, the SIU had 512 open cases, up from 355 in 2002.

Since its initiation in 1988 by Supervisor Antonovich, the hotline has detected more than \$12 million in fraud, with a projected range of \$2 to \$4 million for 2004. The hotline is operational 24 hours a day and suspected fraud can be reported anonymously. The toll-free number is (800) 544-6861.

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museum after work. Last spring, LACMA initiated the NexGen membership program for visitors 17 and under, giving children and an accompanying adult free access to the museum and family activities at all times. By offering admission at no charge after 5 p.m., LACMA makes art accessible to all on a daily basis, year-round.

**Free After Five** at LACMA is offered along with many of the museum's existing free programs for museum goers, including:

- **LACMA NexGen Arts:** In just under a year, this popular free youth membership program has welcomed more than 20,000 young museum members, who have visited the galleries for free and participated in year-round, youth-focused art programs such as *Sheila and Wally Weisman Family Sundays* and *Johnny Mercer Foundation Family*

*Music Days.* LACMA NexGen Arts also allows each member to bring one accompanying adult at no charge.

- **Boone Children's Gallery:** Each year, LACMALab presents innovative and participatory exhibitions in the Boone Children's Gallery that engage visitors of all ages. A hallmark of LACMALab is the participation of contemporary artists, ranging from the internationally distinguished to the young and emerging.

- **Free Second Tuesday of Each Month:** Visitors may enjoy the museum's permanent collection and non-ticketed exhibitions at no charge all day on the second Tuesday of each month.

- **Friday Night Jazz:** One of L.A.'s most popular music scenes, LACMA offers free outdoor jazz concerts throughout the spring, summer, and fall featuring internationally renowned musicians.

For further information, please call (323) 857-6000, or visit [www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org).

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#### "Asphalt and People"

A new permanent exhibition at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits gives visitors a look at how Ice Age humans used the asphalt that bubbles up from the La Brea Tar Pits. Hint: they used it in much the same way that we do today, for waterproofing, as an adhesive, and in decorative items. Included are early weapons, fishhooks, repaired stone and

abalone tools, and a waterproofed basket all excavated from the Tar Pits. The exhibition shows how, from its earliest times, the cultural and natural worlds have profoundly affected each other. This story and its implications for our own stewardship of the natural environment are at the core of the mission of the Page Museum.

For further information and other programs offered at the La Brea Tar Pits, please contact (323) 934-7243 or visit [www.tarpits.org](http://www.tarpits.org).

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Ms. Govens is very active in charitable fundraisers. She has been the Department's primary coordinator for various events such as the March of Dimes Walk, AIDS and Cancer runs/walks. She enthusiastically volunteers for service at various veterans and community events.

Having obtained professional accreditation with both the California and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, she attends monthly Department and quarterly Southern California Veterans

Services Officer's training sessions to stay abreast of current Veterans Affairs regulations. She has an Associate of Arts degree in Child Development from Santa Monica College.

Originally from Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Govens has eight sisters and four brothers. "My family means everything to me. I came here to succeed in life, giving thanks and praise to a higher power. And so it is," says Govens.

Congratulations, Frances Govens! We applaud your accomplishments, dedication and commitment to the County and our nation's freedom fighters!

## Supervisor Molina Re-Opens the Azusa Health Center

Supervisor Gloria Molina re-opened the Azusa Health Center on May 26 through a unique public-private partnership — the first such health-related venture in the San Gabriel Valley. It is the third community health clinic to re-open after the County's fiscal crisis forced the closure of 16 clinics run by the Department of Health Services (DHS) in October 2002.

"This is an exciting day," said Molina, who was joined by City of Azusa Mayor Christina Cruz Madrid, U.S. Congresswoman Hilda Solis, and California Endowment President and CEO Dr. Robert Ross. "The re-opening of this clinic is an opportunity for people who lost their health services to once again feel that there is an affordable and accessible place to go in their own community."



*Pictured from left to right: CEO of El Proyecto del Barrio Corinne Sanchez; U.S. Congresswoman Hilda Solis; City of Azusa Mayor Christina Cruz Madrid; California Endowment Board Member Cynthia Telles; Supervisor Molina; and California Endowment President/CEO Dr. Robert Ross.*

To make the re-opening possible, Molina secured a \$50,000 seed grant from the California Endowment and \$87,500 from DHS' Public-Private Partnership monies through Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Re-opening the clinic truly was a multifaceted task. When no other local San Gabriel Valley non-profit agency could be found to operate the new health center, Mayor Madrid recruited El Proyecto del Barrio, a well-known non-profit agency based in the San Fernando Valley that is recognized for its quality community health programs. Staff from El Proyecto del Barrio spent countless hours preparing the facility for primary medical care for adults and children. This included lab services, immunizations, family planning, preventive care, and patient education for chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma, and heart disease.

When additional dollars were needed to support these services, Congresswoman Solis helped secure an additional \$423,580 grant from the California Endowment. This funding infusion helped make possible necessary capital improvements to the satellite clinic, the hiring of a medical team, the establishment of a chronic disease management program and the expansion of the County's mobile clinic to Azusa.

As a result, Azusa Health Center founder Kate Slauson Vosburg's dream of locally accessible community health services has been reborn at the very site she established in 1931.

The Azusa Health Center is located at 150 North Azusa Avenue in Azusa, California 91702 and can be reached by telephone at (626) 969-7885.

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## Fictitious Business Name Fee Increases

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack has announced that fictitious business name (FBN) fees will increase in the County of Los Angeles beginning June 1. The old fees set in 1970 no longer reflect current processing costs. The increase in fees will ensure that the RR/CC receives full cost recovery for FBN related services as permitted by applicable law.

The new fees are outlined below:

- 1) Twenty-three dollars (\$23) is the new fee to **file and index a new** FBN statement which includes the filing and indexing of an Affidavit of Publication, one certified copy and one business name with up to two registrants. Formerly, the fee was ten dollars (\$10).
- 2) Four dollars (\$4) per name is the new fee for **additional names** (each additional registrant operating under the same FBN beyond the two included names). Formerly, the fee was two dollars (\$2).
- 3) Eighteen dollars (\$18) is the new fee for filing and indexing each FBN **statement renewal** (an FBN statement is valid for a period of only five years). Formerly, the fee was ten dollars (\$10).
- 4) Twenty-three dollars (\$23) is the new fee to file a **statement of abandonment** of use of a filed FBN, upon ceasing to transact business in California under that name. Formerly, the fee was five dollars (\$5).
- 5) Twenty-three dollars (\$23) is the new fee to file a **withdrawal from partnership** statement. This allows any person who is a general partner in a partnership that is or has been regularly transacting business under a fictitious business name to withdraw as a general partner. Formerly, the fee was five dollars (\$5).

The new fees were established pursuant to the Business and Professions Code section 17929 as the legal authority to set and collect FBN fees and pursuant to Government Code Section 54985, under authority of the Board of Supervisors, were set in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing this service. The County Auditor-Controller approved a fee study conducted by the RR/CC to determine the present cost of processing the applications. The Board unanimously adopted an ordinance at its April 27 meeting setting the new fees.

Information regarding the filing of Fictitious Business Name Statements can be obtained by calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Fictitious Business Name number at (562) 462-2177. This same information is also available on the RR/CC Web site at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, or Vietnamese may call (800) 481-8683.



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